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Reenactment of 1776 service set

VERNON — A reenactment of a 200 year old religious ceremony will be held at the Union Congregational Church Sunday morning at 10:45 complete with a sermon originally delivered by Rev. Samuel West on May 26, 1776.

Among the unique portions of the ceremony will be the seating of male and female participants at opposite sides of the church, the raising of hands above the head during prayer, and the right to question the clergyman on the substance of his sermon.

The Sacrament of Communion will also be celebrated as it was 200 years ago with a common cup and brown bread. Singing will be done without benefit of an organ and reflect the diversity of music in the Congregational Church during the 18th century.

The public is invited to attend the service.